

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND

Ordinance No. Ordinance O-19-12

Introduced By City Council

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Date Adopted May 13, 2019

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AN ORDINANCE concerning

EARLY VOTING

FOR the purpose of implementing Early Voting in municipal elections in the City of Seat Pleasant.

BY Adding
 Chapter 43, Voting
 Article III, Early Voting
 Section 43-3 A through C.
 Code of the City of Seat Pleasant (1994 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL that Section 43-3. A through C. of the Code of the City of Seat Pleasant (1994 Edition, as amended), Chapter 43, Voting, Article III, Early Voting, is hereby established to read as follows:

Chapter 43 - VOTING

ARTICLE III

EARLY VOTING

§ 43-3 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- A. RESIDENTS OF THE CITY WHO ARE QUALIFIED VOTERS REGISTERED WITH THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE BY EARLY VOTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.
- B. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CODE, AN "EARLY VOTING BALLOT" IS A BALLOT NOT USED IN A POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY NOR FOR "ABSENTEE VOTING" AND "ELECTION DAY" MEANS THE DAY OF A MUNICIPAL ELECTION.
- C. VOTING BY EARLY VOTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:
 - (1) EARLY VOTING WILL BEGIN ON THE FIRST TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION AND END ON THE FIRST MONDAY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: FIRST TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (9:00A.M. TO 5:00P.M.), FIRST SATURDAY (9:00A.M. TO 1:00P.M.) SUNDAY (11:00A.M. TO 3:00P.M.) AND THE FIRST MONDAY (9:00A.M. TO 5:00P.M.) IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD.
 - (2) TO CAST AN EARLY VOTING BALLOT, THE VOTER MUST COMPLETE THE BALLOT ON THE PREMISES, PLACE IT IN A BLANK, SEALED ENVELOPE, AND THEN PLACE THE SEALED ENVELOPE IN THE EARLY VOTING ENVELOPE ON WHICH ARE WRITTEN THE VOTER'S NAME AS REGISTERED AND SIGNATURE. THE VOTER SHALL PLACE THE EARLY VOTING ENVELOPE IN THE DESIGNATED EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOX. EARLY VOTING ENVELOPES THAT CONTAIN MORE THAN ONE BLANK SEALED ENVELOPE SHALL BE KEPT BY THE CITY CLERK, AND THOSE EARLY VOTING BALLOTS SHALL NOT BE COUNTED. IF A BALLOT IS SUBMITTED IN A PROPERLY SIGNED AND SEALED EARLY VOTING ENVELOPE WITHOUT BEING CONTAINED IN A BLANK, SEALED ENVELOPE, THEN THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE BY MAJORITY VOTE WHETHER A VIOLATION OF THE VOTER'S PRIVACY HAS OCCURRED OR WHETHER THE BALLOT MAY BE COUNTED. IF A DETERMINATION IS MADE TO COUNT THE BALLOT, THEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL PLACE THE BALLOT IN A BLANK, SEALED ENVELOPE.

- (3) THE CITY CLERK SHALL DELIVER THE BALLOT BOX CONTAINING THE EARLY VOTING SEALED, BLANK ENVELOPES TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNTING OF EARLY VOTING BALLOTS. THE CITY CLERK SHALL ADVISE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTION OF THE NUMBER OF EARLY VOTING BALLOTS CAST AND SHALL KEEP THE RECORD OF THE EARLY VOTING BALLOTS.
- (4) UPON RECEIPT OF THE BALLOT BOX CONTAINING THE EARLY VOTING SEALED, BLANK ENVELOPES, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS SHALL OPEN THE SEALED ENVELOPES AND DETERMINE THAT NO ENVELOPE CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE (1) BALLOT. BALLOTS IN SEALED ENVELOPES THAT CONTAIN MORE THAN ONE (1) SHALL NOT BE COUNTED.
- (5) IF AN EARLY VOTING BALLOT IS CHALLENGED BY THE CITY CLERK OR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION, IT MAY NOT BE COUNTED UNTIL IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS VALID. ANY PERSON WHOSE EARLY VOTING BALLOT WAS DETERMINED TO BE INVALID BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTION MAY APPEAL THE DECISION AS PROVIDED FOR IN § C-608 OF THE CHARTER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL that the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and cause the same to be published as required by law, and that this Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following approval by the Mayor or passage by the council after veto by the Mayor.

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

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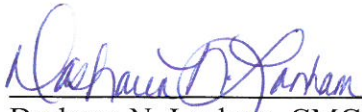
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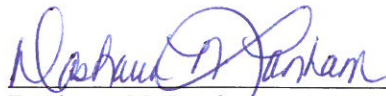
ATTEST:



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk

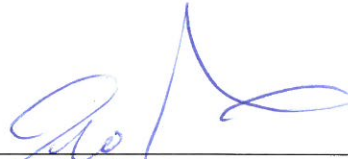
APPROVED:

This Ordinance was presented to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval pursuant to Section C-313 of the Charter of the City of Seat Pleasant this 14th day of May, 2019.



Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk

In accordance with Section C-313 of the Charter of the City of Seat Pleasant, I hereby **APPROVE/DISAPPROVE** this Ordinance this 16th day of May, 2019.



Eugene W. Grant
Mayor

KEY:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

((Double Parentheses)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates matter added to the Ordinance by amendment.

~~Strike through~~ indicates matter stricken from the Ordinance by amendment.